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The thrill of victory



Lady Bison Coach Sanya Tyler celebrates with her team after capturing her second MEAC title.

Jet: Cheek eyed for federal slot

Hilltop Staff Report

Jet magazine has reported that University President James Cheek is under consideration by the Reagan administration for an appointment as the United States' ambassador to Romania. However, both the White House and the University deny that Cheek is under any such consideration.

The magazine's "Ticker Tape U.S.A." column, written by Jet's Washington Bureau Chief, Simeon Booker, reported that "James Cheek is being considered for the post of U.S. ambassador to Romania, a position geared to keeping his name in the limelight in the sunset of a great public service career." The column appeared in the March 18 issue of Jet that is currently on new stands.

Cheek's administrative assistant, Thelma Tucker, said she knew nothing about a possible appointment. Roger Estep, vice president for development and University relations, said that the Jet report was "false" and that Cheek knew nothing about any such consideration. "We will tell Jet that's false," Estep said.

But Booker told The Hilltop that, according to his sources, Cheek is in fact up for a Reagan appointment, however, he would not say who gave him such information. A White House spokesperson in the presidential appointments branch said that according to her records, Cheek's name was not about to be submitted for an appointment.

Legal department reorganized

By Desiree F. Hicks
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Amidst a growing trend for universities to employ their own in-house legal counsel, Howard has reorganized and expanded its legal affairs office.

Formerly a part of the Office of the General Counsel, the University's legal staff is now housed within the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and employs eight full-time attorneys, including General Counsel Richard P. Thornell.

Thornell, who was hired as a general counsel last year in late spring while a professor at the University's law school, said the reorganization is an attempt to better address the legal needs of the University, while saving it money.

The changes made within the office were based on the litigation experience of the University and the needs perceived by the University's president and vice presidents, Thornell said.

The expanded staff will enable the University to address the increasing number of lawsuits filed by faculty members, as well as the questions that arise about contracts, employment policy and procedures, and the meaning of federal and local laws as they pertain to Howard.

The expansion will also save the University money by decreasing its use of outside firms. "The University had become quite dependent on these outside law firms...and the costs of that have been rising rapidly.

"So we decided that it was important to try to control those costs and to reduce them and we took that into account in putting our staff together," Thornell said.

As an example of how the expanded legal staff will save money, Thornell cited a recent incident where an outside law firm charged the University \$55,000 to settle an employment case. Thornell said the firm took three to four months to investigate the case.

"For that amount of money, we could hire an experienced litigator for a whole year who could handle 20 cases," Thornell said.

According to a 1984 report issued by the National Association of College and University Attorneys, the number of institutions that have reported having full-time, in-house legal counsel has doubled since 1972.

Of 146 private institutions that responded to the NACUA's survey, 48 employed full-time attorneys within the institutions. Of 117 responding public institutions, 75 were represented by in-house counsel.

The report also concluded that of 114 institutions that reported having an actual legal office, more than 50 percent employed only one attorney in that office. Eleven institutions reported having between six and 28 attorneys.

In the Washington area, information about universities and their law staffs varied. Georgetown University uses the law firm of Williams and

Triumphant Lady Bison sport MEAC smiles

By Leonard Hall
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The Lady Bison saved perhaps their finest overall effort of the season for their biggest game as they routed Morgan State University 85-66 to capture the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Championship in Philadelphia Saturday night.

The win capped off a remarkable Cinderella season for the Lady Bison, who bounced back from a 1-10 start to win 13 of their last 18 games.

Lady Bison Head Coach Sanya Tyler, who predicted all season that her troops would be "ready to surprise" at tournament time, was thrilled, but not entirely surprised, by the victory. "I said that this team would win the MEAC, but nobody believed it," said Tyler. "I knew that this team had the character and the talent to pull it off; it was just a matter of how badly they wanted it."

The Lady Bison's route to the championship round was made a little easier by the quick elimination of MEAC powers, South Carolina State and Bethune-Cookman, from the round-robin tournament. The conference's number-one and -two teams suffered surprising first-round defeats. Bethune-Cookman's loss came at the hands of North Carolina A&T, while top-seeded S.C. State was upset by Morgan.

However, as Tyler stated afterward, "Either one of those teams (S.C. State or Bethune-Cookman) would have been hard-pressed to beat us the way we played tonight."

Undoubtedly, the Lady Bison were on top of their game against Morgan. For the first ten minutes of the game, the two teams played evenly, and at the midpoint of the first half, Morgan led 12-10.

Then, the Lady Bison struck. For the next 10 minutes of the first half, the Lady Bison outscored Morgan 30-9 with a scoring streak so impressive and relentless that it left most court-side observers wondering if this was the same Lady Bison team they had been watching all season.

For that ten-minute stretch, the Lady Bison dominated the Lady Bears so completely, offensively and defensively, that even Coach Tyler was watching in disbelief. "The streak" turned a two-point Morgan lead into a 40-21 Lady Bison advantage by halftime and proved to be too much for Morgan to overcome. The Lady Bison left no doubt as to which was the better team on that day.

Tyler said that the Lady Bison's performance was the result of her team "peaking at the right time." She added, "We played a tough schedule this year [against such powers as North Carolina State, Maryland and

Holy Cross] so our record [14-15] is kind of deceiving. But playing against those types of teams made us better prepared for the tournament."

And prepared the Lady Bison were. Although they looked somewhat jittery in their first-round win over Delaware State, they had enough to handle the Lady Hornets, 54-48. In their second-round game against North Carolina A&T on Friday, they trailed by two points with just over two minutes remaining, but rallied to win, 69-65, on the strength of some key baskets and clutch foul-shooting.

As it turned out, the strong finish against A&T was just a hint of good things to come for the Lady Bison.

The Lady Bison had many heroes in Philadelphia, not the least of whom was Duncan, who averaged 15 points and 15 rebounds for the tournament, and sophomore guard Vikki Kennedy, who broke out of a shooting slump just in time to score 12 points and dish out four assists in the title game against Morgan.

But the real star was sophomore guard Vanessa Graham, who pumped in 25 points in the championship game and provided some much-needed court leadership during both the tournament and the regular season. See LADY BISON page 7

Howard receives grant for infant death research

By Yvonne Brooks
The Hilltop Staff Reporter

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has awarded Howard a grant of \$2.5 million to launch a five-year study of the causes of high infant mortality among Blacks. An extra \$2 million has been allotted for overhead costs such as light, heating, and other facility costs.

According to Edwards, infant mortality in the United States remains among the highest among developed nations. This is due in large part to the high mortality rate of Black infants, which is double that of white infants.

The district has an infant mortality rate almost twice that of the national average. According to the National Institute for Health statistics, in 1982, 21.2 percent of all Black births in the district resulted in infant mortality.

Researchers in the School of Human Ecology (Department of Human Nutrition and Food and the Department of Human Development) and the College of Medicine (Depart-

ment of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Department of Child Health) will simultaneously work on four separate, but highly interrelated, studies in a project entitled, "Nutrition, Other Factors and the Outcome of Pregnancy."

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Connolly for its legal needs and does not employ any in-house attorneys.

American University utilizes the firm of Hewes, Morella, Gelband & Lamberton as its General Counsel and employs one house attorney who works specifically with the office of fiscal affairs on matters pertaining to bonds, special projects, etc., according to COUNSEL page 7

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According to a study done by Dr. Christina Hale in 1982, the percentage of pregnant women receiving prenatal care late in their pregnancies, or not at all, increased from 3-5 percent to 6-10 percent.

"The present study has the potential of shedding light on the relationship between the mother's diet during pregnancy and the intellectual development of her infant," said Edwards.

According to Edwards, the nutritional aspect of the project may provide another challenge to Jensen's theory of intellectual inferiority in Blacks.

"The study will seek to document the wide variety of factors which contribute to poor pregnancy outcomes in Black women in this country and around the world," said Edwards.

Pamela Thompson, a freshman majoring in human development, said, "I am glad that the University is looking into Black infant mortality, for we should be concerned about our people."



Calhoun and Moore took 59 percent of the vote in the run-off

Calhoun, Moore win HUSA seats

By Alison Bethel
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Emory Calhoun and Bryant T. Moore were elected Howard University Student Association president and vice president, respectively, for the 1985-86 school year after defeating the slate of Eric Mansfield and Stephen Mathis 659 to 451 in Wednesday's run-off election.

After five weeks of campaigning, Calhoun and Bryant walked away with 59 percent of the vote leaving Mansfield and Moore with 41 percent. In order to win the election, candidates must receive 51 percent of the total vote.

Unlike last week's primary voter turnout of 1747 students, run-off

turnout was at an all-time low with only 1110 of Howard's 12000 students voting, according to Elections Committee Chairman Jeffrey Washington.

According to Mansfield, he was disappointed after initially hearing the poll results.

After hearing of the poll results, Mansfield said, "I feel disappointed, but by the same token I feel good about myself." Then, the liberal arts sophomore added, thoughtfully, "To fail is not to have tried... I had a lot of people support me, and that's all that I can ask for," said Mansfield.

Reflecting on the number of stu-

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Farrakhan inspires law school crowd

By Yvonne Brooks
Hilltop Staff Reporter

In a speech last Friday, Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, challenged students and faculty of the Howard University Law School to serve the interests of Black people and to strive for their liberation from the oppressor and his white supremacist mentality.

Farrakhan was the keynote speaker at last Friday's concluding luncheon of the Howard University Law School's Law Observance Week. The topic of his speech was "A Challenge to Lawyers and Future Lawyers."

"If the learned will only seek the gratification of material needs and forget their responsibility to the needs of the masses, then they have furthered oppression," said Farrakhan.

The theme of his challenge was based on a quote from Paul Frier's "Pedagogy of the Oppressed," which was placed on the program schedule.

According to Frier, "The oppressed, having internalized the image of the oppressor and adopted his guidelines, are fearful of freedom. Freedom would require them to eject

this image and replace it with autonomy and responsibility. Freedom is acquired by conquest, not by gift. It must be pursued constantly and responsibly. Freedom is not an idea located outside of man or woman; nor is it an idea which becomes myth: it is rather the indispensable condition for the quest of human completion."

"We, the oppressed, having internalized the image of the oppressor, continue to the oppression of the oppressor as we go out in the world," Farrakhan reiterated. "Law students become the legal slaves and apologists of the oppressor and nothing more than a carbon copy of the master," he continued.

Farrakhan said Howard students possess the finest minds of Black people and they are the potential savior of the masses.

He said one can go nowhere without the support of the masses and the masses go nowhere without the intellectuals.

Farrakhan cited Malcolm X, who attained only an eighth grade education, beat every lawyer he argued with

because, Farrakhan said, he was a free mind and was able to effect and reject the guidelines of the oppressor.

Farrakhan said of universities, "Institutions of higher oppression become the tools of the oppressor that crush out the voices of liberation that rise out of us. 'You are in the hallowed halls reading unreality in books,' he said. 'You are programmed to uphold America when America is wrong.'"

According to Farrakhan, when Black people develop beyond the oppressor's guideline and develop their own, they can create a quest for human freedom that moves repressive regimes out of the way. "We can blame whites in some aspects, but we must shoulder the responsibility with 'autonomy,'" he said.

Farrakhan said it is necessary to conquer the master's image of Black people and conquer the desire to want to be like him, and internalize the image of God in terms of his guidelines. "Liberation must be pursued...the middle class is so happy with the civil rights laws," Farrakhan said. "I can eat and sleep in hotels with white peo-

ple, they say. We must pursue the goal of liberation from the guidelines of the oppressor."

"The Black position is a begging position, even if you're a Brooks Brother-suit-wearing beggar," he said.

"It is a shame that we allow ourselves to be in this wretched condition when we could turn it around. They have the capacity to respect you, if you respect yourself," said Farrakhan.

"Shall we do something?" he asked. "We have God's blessing and knowledge, but not enough consciousness in Blacks to challenge whites. It is time to eject him and accept the responsibility of looking after the masses of the people."

Farrakhan said the jurisprudence system panders to money and position while protecting the rich and oppressing the poor. Law is basic to having a just society and, at best, this is not a just society, Farrakhan said.

In closing, Farrakhan urged his audience to "cast out the image of our oppressor, and take the responsibility of forming a base so that peace may come to our people."



CAREERS '85

Profile:

Telecommunications: the industry of the '80s

By Mark Maremont

Special to the Hilltop

In the 1967 movie *The Graduate*, a friend of the family puts his arm around hero Benjamin Braddock's shoulder and gives the recent college graduate a one-word piece of career advice: "Plastics."

If *The Graduate* were made today, the counsel might well be "telecommunications." Because of the incredible explosion in the amount of information being transmitted around the world, it is probably the world's fastest growing major industry group. International Data Corporation, a Boston market research firm, predicts that the U.S. telecommunications industry alone will experience an astounding annual growth rate of about 25 percent for the next few years. Already, U.S. telecommunications goods and services garner about \$100 billion in annual revenues.

That, in turn, means jobs—lots of them. "The industry is still in a reasonably infantile state," says C. Robert Montgomery, vice-president for employee relations at RCA Communications. "There is a world of opportunity in the field for a young person coming out of college."

Telecommunications basically refers to the transmission of information from one point to another. As little as 20 or even 10 years ago, that meant phone service and telex, the slow-moving method of delivering a written message over wires to a teleprinter. But in the last decade, the business of transmitting information has become much more diverse, encompassing high speed data and video traffic, as well as voice and simple messages. One impetus has been the satellite revolution: Western Union Corporation launched the first domestic U.S. communications satellite in 1974, and dozens of the birds now straddle the earth, relaying phone calls, computer data, and picture images from 22,300 miles up (the point at which they remain stationary over one part of the globe).

Changes in the computer industry have also had a profound effect on telecommunications. Data processing used to consist of big, number crunching computers churning out reams of information on green and white computer paper from a central location. Now, inexpensive microprocessors have made data processing a more evenly distributed affair: branch offices have minicomputers to handle local needs, and individuals command amazing power with desktop personal computers. Moving information around the world more quickly and easily has created demand for new products and services.

Even in the once-staid telephone industry, big changes are occurring. The breakup of AT&T has opened up opportunities for entrepreneurs to sell products to local phone companies. Long distance companies, such as MCI Communications Corporation are exploiting the chance to compete with AT&T. MCI will increase its payroll by an astonishing 45 percent this year, to 11,500 employees. Neither has the semiconductor revolution left the phone business untouched: the latest phone switches used by your local phone company are now nothing other than ultra-sophisticated computers, creating a need in the industry for computer specialists.

How can you hitch a ride on this high-tech star? Well, it depends largely upon your education and training. If you get a degree in electrical engineering or computer science, your chances of getting a job in telecommunications are extremely good. Most of the positions available require these skills. Of the 700 people GTE corporation expects to hire this year at its far-flung phone operations, more than half will have technical backgrounds. Over at AT&T Technologies, which does research and makes products for its giant parent, at least 1600 out of the 2100 planned hires will be either electrical engineers or computer scientists.

The competition for these trained technicians is fierce, largely because all the high-tech companies are vying for the same candidates. Prospective engineering recruits at GTE often have as many as 10 other job offers, reports Terrell Holland, manager of the company's engineering associate program. Adds Gary Tobin, director of public communications at MCI: "There is an incredible shortage of technical people. We can't get enough of anything, particularly engineers."

As a result, engineers and computer science majors can command salaries that once would have been considered astronomical. AT&T Technologies pays starting engineers with bachelor's degrees \$26,000 to \$27,000, while entry level computer programmers make only slightly less. Other large companies are paying similar amounts.

Business majors have the next best chance of being hired by telecommunications firms. One third of GTE's hires this year will have undergraduate or graduate business degrees. At GTE and other places, most are being tapped for marketing, sales, or staff positions in personnel or accounting.

Business majors can increase the odds of getting good jobs by taking several computer science, math, or statistics courses before graduating. "The heart of most telecommunications systems today is computers," says GTE's Holland. "In addition, we use computers a lot in our daily business, and our employees must be able to assimilate and massage data quickly." With a greater supply than demand of business majors, starting salaries tend to be lower: in the \$23,000 range at large companies.

Perhaps the best of all possible worlds is to combine business and technical skills. Keith Kaczmarek, 28, graduated from the University of Illinois in 1983 with dual masters degrees in electrical engineering and business administration. He was able

to land a great job in GTE's engineering associate program, a one-to-two year, fast-track management training program.

As for liberal arts majors who perhaps have started thinking about a business career, telecommunications is going to be a difficult field to break into. A few exceptional liberal arts graduates are being hired, but companies seem more interested in acquiring people who can immediately contribute specific skills. "We're growing so quickly, we don't have the time to hire and train people," says MCI's Tobin.

One piece of advice: get an MBA. Says Ahern, director of executive continuity and placement at GTE, "A good liberal arts degree combined with an MBA is a definite asset. If we do not hire you, someone else will."

Another possible course is to get sales or marketing training in a different industry, then try for a job in telecommunications. With the newly competitive nature of telecommunications, experienced sales and marketing types will probably be in demand for many years to come.

Assuming you want to go into telecommunications and have the qualifications, the next step is to decide where to apply for a job. And that entails more than just an analysis of salary or location. The industry has an exceptionally wide variety of company types, each with its own corpo-



By Garland H. Stillwell-The Hilltop
Howard keeps pace with the telecommunications boom as evidenced by its satellite dish adjacent to the School of Communications.

industry moving this fast.

Probably the safest companies to work for are the phone companies: AT&T, the seven Bell regionals formed from the breakup of the Bell System, GTE, United Telecom, and Centel, among others. If you like to be challenged and feel you can adjust to sudden changes in job or location, a small faster growing employer may suit you better.

Often overlooked by those people wanting telecommunications jobs are

ing their internal telecommunications equipment and networks. They need people experienced in setting up phone networks, in transmission via microwave radio waves, and in planning data communications hookups.

If you have read this far, you probably have more interest in your career than did the graduate portrayed by Dustin Hoffman. If so, consider telecommunications. It could provide an interesting and rewarding career in an explosive industry.

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rate culture. Ability to move up quickly or change jobs varies widely, as does the likelihood that the company will grow rapidly or have to lay off employees—a real danger in an

the enormous possibilities available at companies that have nothing to do with the industry. Most medium-size and large companies, from banks to auto makers, have large staffs manag-

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Elsewhere



John Michael G.M. "Tom" Adams,

Deputy leader sworn in Barbados prime minister dies at 53

By Carmel Bullard
Hilltop Staff Reporter

John Michael G.M. "Tom" Adams, prime minister of Barbados, died suddenly last Monday in Bridgetown, Barbados at age 53, according to a brief announcement, which did not mention cause of death, by the Caribbean News Agency (CANA). Deputy Prime Minister Bernard St. John was appointed the new prime minister by Governor General Sir

Arnott Cato, according to a spokesman.

St. John addressed citizens of Barbados Monday in a five-minute broadcast in which he praised his predecessor and said he would continue the programs and policies that Adams had initiated, reported CANA.

A Barbados embassy official in Washington said Wednesday that Adams died of heart failure.

Adams became prime minister in 1976, after his Opposition Labor

Party defeated the Democratic Labor Party led by Errol W. Barrow. Five years earlier, he had taken over leadership of the Barbados Labor Party from St. John after the party received a severe beating at the polls from the Democratic Labor Party.

Adams followed closely in the footsteps of his father, the late Sir Grantley Adams, who was Barbados' first premier and the first prime minister of the now defunct West Indian Federation.

When the United States invaded Grenada, Adams was one of a handful of Caribbean leaders who gave strong support to the action. Barbados was used as a base for that operation, and also contributed its troops to the United States Forces that are still on the island of Grenada.

Thomas Anderson, U.S. ambassador to Barbados and the eastern Caribbean, referred to Adams as "a key contributor to the reconstruction of democratic Grenada, and as well as

to the strength and vibrancy of the Caribbean," according to CANA.

There was never any indication that Adams was ill and his death stunned the Caribbean.

Barbadians in the Washington area were very surprised. Dr. Glenn Phillips, president of the Barbados National Association of Washington said that he was "shocked, surprised."

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Congressional minutes

By Linda Thompson
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Congressman John Conyers Jr. (D., Mich.) last week introduced a bill to Congress that, if passed, would allow lawyers to be present during grand jury hearings.

Other changes his bill calls for were: 1) that a person being investigated by the federal grand jury should have the right to testify before it, 2) that the use of illegally seized evidence be made impossible to use, and 3) that the grand jury should strongly consider evidence that attempts to clear the target (defendant) from blame.

"If enacted," explained Conyers, "my legislation will return the federal grand jury to its historical role as a people's watchdog against overzealous prosecutors and governmental corruption."

The bill is patterned upon the American Bar Association's Model Grand Jury Act, according to Conyers.

The ABA's Model Act implements some 30 principles and was developed

during a seven-year study by a committee that included federal and state prosecutors, a public and private defense counsel, academicians and judges.

Conyers said the ABA should be commended for its work in this area. "The grand jury is a venerable part of our Anglo-American system of jurisprudence," continued the congressman, "and was developed in part to protect individuals from the power of the prosecutor."

However, the federal grand jury has ceased to serve that function, but has, according to Conyers, become a tool that the prosecutor can and sometimes does, use "unfairly to intimidate, harass and malign putative defendants."

Therefore his bill if enacted will reform the federal grand jury which will prevent such from happening in the future.

"The time is long overdue for Congress to bring the federal grand jury out of the dark ages and into the 20th century with realistic reform," said Conyers.



Rep. Mickey Leland (D-Houston) meets with his newly appointed administrative assistant and legal counsel, William J. Taylor III, at the Capitol Building in Washington.

Howard grad lands Capitol Hill post

Hilltop Staff Reporter

Congressman Mickey Leland (D., Texas) has named William J. (Billy) Taylor II, a Howard alumnus, as his administrative assistant and legal counsel.

"I am very pleased that Billy has accepted this position as chief of my staff," said Leland. "He brings an extensive administrative, legal and public service background as a valuable contribution, not only to my office, but also to the people of the 18th Congressional District."

Before joining Leland's staff, Taylor was chief of the Hospital District Division of Harris County Attorney Mike Driscoll's office since March 1984. At age 30, he was the youngest attorney to achieve the position of division chief.

In January 1984, Taylor took a three-month leave of absence from the county attorney's office to organize then newly elected Houston City Council Member Rodney Ellis' office. From January to December

1983, Taylor had been executive assistant county attorney in Driscoll's office.

Taylor was statewide campaign coordinator for Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby from July to November 1982. From November 1981 to July 1982, Taylor worked as an attorney for the Texas Education Agency.

Prior to receiving his Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law in 1982, where he served on the Review of Litigation, Taylor received a B.A. from Howard in Television and Film in 1977.

He serves on the boards of directors of the Houston Area Urban League and the Concerned Musicians of Houston. He is a member of the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society's Herman Sweat Memorial Fund Advisory Board at the University of Texas School of Law, the American Society of Hospital Attorneys, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Kappa Alpha Psi. See TAYLOR page 7

ACLU debates death penalty

By LaTonya Reed
Hilltop Staff Reporter

As a result of recent polls which show that a majority of the American public supports the death penalty, the American Civil Liberties Union has recommitted itself to educating society and its policy makers about what it sees as the constitutional, social, and moral damages of capital punishment, and has launched a campaign against it, according to Henry Schwarzschild, director of the project.

Part of the project has taken the form of study conducted by Professor Hugo Adam Bedau, of Tufts University, in Massachusetts, who recently released as a 32-page brochure.

"Professor Bedau's study, 'The Case Against the Death Penalty,' is brief and utterly persuasive. Killing human beings in order to achieve some social purpose is deeply uncivilized and does not work," said Schwarzschild.

Bedau's study reported that the argument most often cited in support of capital punishment is that it deters capital crimes more effectively than imprisonment, but noted that there is no evidence that the death penalty has any deterrent effect upon crime.

Among other things, he pointed out that persons who commit murder and other crimes either premeditate them or they do not. If they do not, then it is

impossible to imagine how any punishment could deter them. If the crime is premeditated, the criminal expects to escape detection, arrest, and conviction, so it is impossible to see how the threat of a severe punishment can deter an individual who does not expect to get caught, the report concluded.

The study also reported that the death penalty continues to be imposed with unacceptable degrees of discrimination on grounds of race, gender, and class, asserting that both rape and murder cases there have been substantial evidence to show that courts have been arbitrary, racially biased, and unfair in the way in which they have sentenced some persons to prison but others to death. He reports that, "between 1930 and 1980, 3,862 persons were executed in the United States. Of these 2,066, more than half, were Black." He stressed that many innocent persons have been executed in the past, and this is bound to happen again because of the inherent fallibility of the criminal justice process.

He further reports that the effect upon society of executions is to make people even less sensitive to the spectacle of premeditated, violent homicide.

"Legal executions give society the unmistakable message that life ceases

See DEATH page 7

Women's political group to elect chapter officers

By Grace Wilkes-Sydney
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The D.C. Chapter of the National Political Congress of Black Women will re-elect its officers tomorrow. According to Donna Brazile, the executive director of the D.C. Chapter, 2025 I St. N.W., "For now, this is the most important activity on our agenda; however, we are planning some events which will be announced after the election of officers."

Brazile also said that she expected a large turnout at the meeting, and that many of the members represent the vocations of women in the community. The members include lawyers, housewives, teachers, businesswomen, graduate and undergraduate students. "Indeed, we hope to place emphasis on recruiting more members from every sector," Brazile declared.

The National Congress of Black Women was founded last August by Shirley Chisholm, former congresswoman and the first Black to run for president of the United States. One of its founding members, Eleanor Holmes Norton, professor of

law at Georgetown University, said that Chisholm founded the organization so that Black women could become more politically aware and play an active role in articulating the needs of Black women in American society.

"It is good that women are more politically involved than they have been before, but we still have a long way to go before our needs are met," said Andrea Cheney, from Rochester, New York, and a junior majoring in Afro-American Studies here at Howard. She continued, "For the ones who are already involved, their degree of involvement needs to be increased. I am not politically involved at present, even though I am politically aware. When I am finished with school I expect to become more politically involved."

Some of the programs initiated by the D.C. chapter include increased voter participation by women, upgrading of literacy and education, and the restructuring of welfare. Norton also said that she was proud of the enthusiasm that many of the D.C. women showed during the implementation of these projects.

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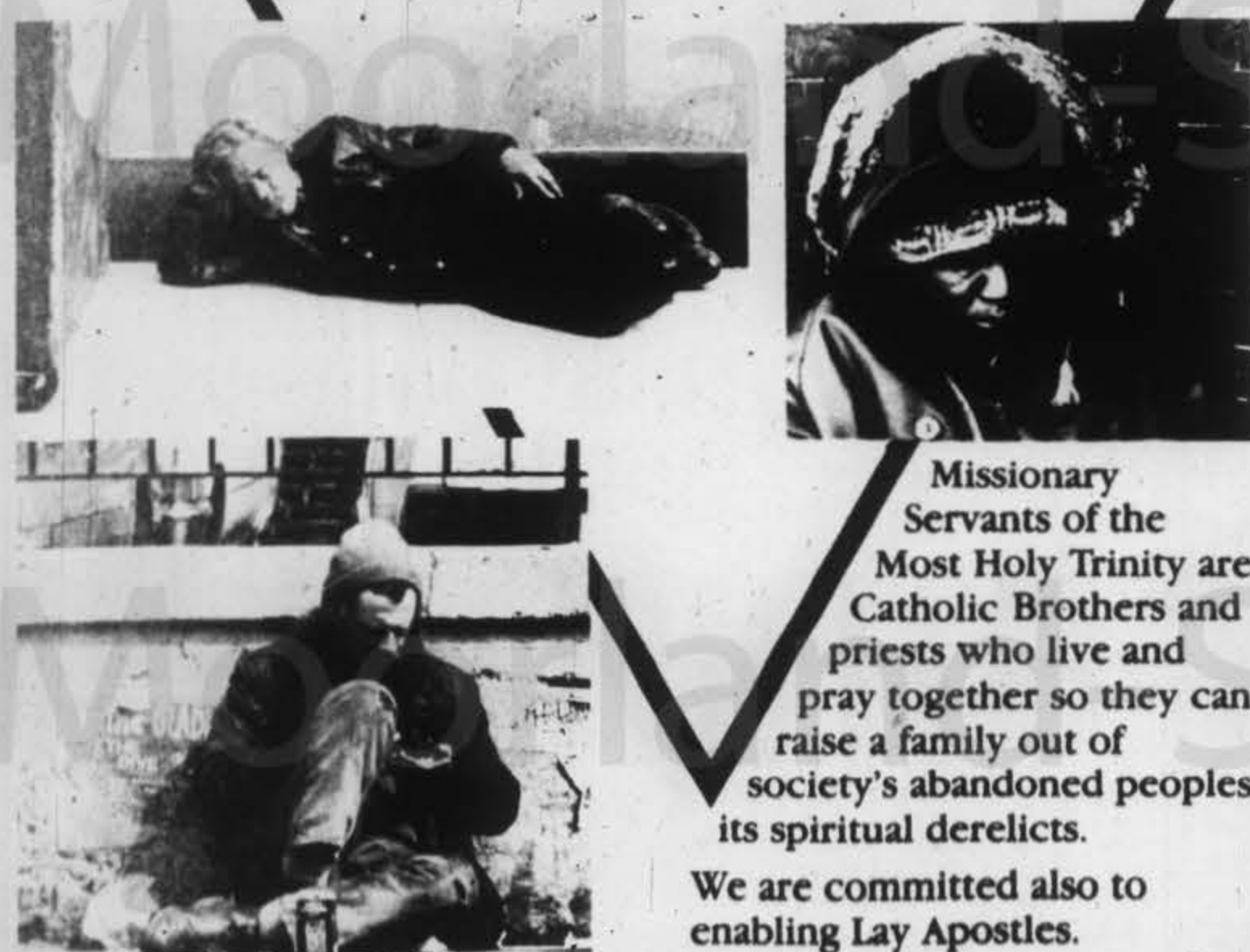
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Teen pregnancies skyrocket in D.C.

By Shaun Hill
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Babies having babies. It has become the birth trend in this country today. The increasing number of teenage girls who become pregnant each year is causing concern among educators, community leaders, and government officials.

In 1982, an estimated 1,110,290 girls became pregnant in this country; four out of ten will become pregnant before the age of 20. According to Aster Kinney, director of research at Z. Alan Guttmacher Institute, these girls are usually Black or Hispanic and come from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

Locally the problem of teen pregnancies has skyrocketed; in 1983, 18.3 percent of teenage girls in the District became pregnant.

Invoice Lander a Howard pro-

fessor and chairman of Mayor Marion Barry's panel studying the problem, said that there are many reasons for the increase in teen pregnancies, including ineffective contraceptives, ignorance, and media influence. Lander also pointed out that "many girls are not using contraceptives and that some want to have children so they can have something of their own to love, that will love them in return."

Efforts are being made both locally and nationally to combat the problem. Mayor Barry established a panel last May to consider the issue. He has also launched a program entitled, "Say No to Teen Pregnancy, Say Yes to Careers." The program, which is geared toward high school students, focuses on education. Its aim is to inform students, parents, and the

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Newsbriefs

Mikhail Gorbachev, the new Soviet leader, plunged into a series of meetings with foreign leaders, including a 90-minute session with Vice President Bush and Secretary of State George P. Shultz Thursday, immediately after the funeral of Konstantin U. Chernenko, ruler of the Soviet Union for 390 days, until his reported death Monday.

During their meeting, Bush said President Reagan will meet with the new Soviet leader whenever the Kremlin is ready.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—March 13 President Reagan met with Egypt

tian President Hosni Mubarak Tuesday and the Arab leader called for a shift in U.S. policy and direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but officials said there is little chance of change.

The Egyptian leader's mission to the White House had a second goal—to persuade Reagan to increase aid to his economically beleaguered nation by \$870 million. That plea is likely to be unheeded because of the federal budget crunch.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—March 13 A 10th person has suffered a fatal heroin overdose in the Washington area since the start of the month. But District of Columbia police say

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Musically speaking

Howard University Choir goes pro African studies funding denied

By Paul Burley
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The Howard University Choir, under the direction of J. Weldon Norris, is preparing to perform in a concerto Thursday for the Spring Festival.

Known technically as the Large University Choir, its agenda also includes the performance of a B-minor mass of Bach at the Dunbarton Campus and the production of an album. "This will be our first professional album under the Arabesque label," said Norris, "and it is our first professional label and commercial recording."

"The Large University Choir in reality is five choirs," Norris said. "These are the University Chorale, the Howard Singers, the Chapel Choir, the Collegium, and my own, the J. Weldon Norris Choir. The latter choir, I am trying to get established with the alumni. It is already composed of 90 percent graduate students," he added.

"As for the students themselves," he said, "I don't set any rigid qualifications for them to perform in the choir. I would prefer them to be able to read music and have a good singing voice as well."

"In many instances," he continued, "they have come from very good high school choirs. A lot of them really would like to major in music, but the opportunities are not that great unless one seeks 'unusual avenues' in music. Opportunities are not as good due to television and radio, but if you really do something well and are willing to work hard, you can make it," he said.

According to Norris, the choir is about 78-years-old, and has survived by having very good students who like to sing and work hard. "Our choir also enjoys privileges that other choirs do not have. We've performed at Kennedy Center and the National Center to name a few. The individual students get to do individual things that are rewarding educationally."

"However," he commented, "we are in an unusual position—keeping in the forefront of music. You see, we can sing the European literature and



By Tad Perry-The Hilltop

Director J. Weldon Norris of the Howard University Choir asks that singers be able to read music and sing well.

we can sing our own. The other choirs generally can only sing their own. But it can be a hindrance because there is jealousy and racial prejudice. We cannot do many things because it was thought that we could not do them," he said.

Norris said their choir has been invited to European festivals, and there are many who are eager to hear music of European Black composers.

"The strengths of our choir are that we are broad enough to sign literature," Norris said. "That's the main thing. It would be nice, although if we had adequate rehearsal facilities because space is our main inconvenience. Not having enough money is also a problem," he said.

Looking to the future, Norris said his primary goal is to arrange more tours within the country and abroad. "We've never been to the Midwest," he said. "I would also like to tour

New York and Boston.

"Our schedule is such that we have to plan six months to a year in advance. We've made engagements for this time next year. I would like very much to do a tour in the Caribbean and in Africa. In fact, some of the best voices I've heard come from Africa," he said.

John C. Banks, a senior who is in all of the Large University choirs, said, "We are constantly striving for perfection. He added, 'I do not know what all my future plans are, but being that we do strive for perfection, it will help in any future. One of my plans, however, is to be a director. Through this I will be exposed to various literature of all periods, better for being a professional in the 'real world.'"

"Involvement in the choir is a '25-hour-a-day' thing," Banks said. "The rehearsals and the perform-

ances really require lots of time." Banks said he joined the choir because when he was in a band at Florida A&M it was not really on the collegiate level. Since coming to Howard he said he has found things to be more compatible.

"My most outstanding moment in the choir," Banks said, "was at the Kennedy Center for the first time. I feel that we performed our best, and we performed with Leontyne Price."

Marion McLaurin, who sings doublebass in the choir, said he likens his role in the choir to being in a sport. "You have to be disciplined and you must prepare, due to the nature of the literature that we sing. It is not something you can jump into; it takes time, intellect, and ability. In doing that, like any other sport, [it] gives you the discipline to evaluate things. You can apply this knowledge also."

By T. Denise Asbury
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Student members of the African Studies Graduate Student Association requested a meeting with Vice President for Academic Affairs Micheal Winston and Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Edward Hawthorne to discuss the non-signing of the Title VI application for funds.

The application was for financing of the language component of the African Studies Research Center which is a requirement for degree programs, as well as some African-related programs sponsored by the Howard University Student Association.

According to spokespersons in Winston's office, the application has not been signed because the African Studies Research Center will be under review by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

The members of the Graduate Student Association are asking that the signing of the Title VI application and the proposed evaluation be done simultaneously.

According to Robert Nicholls, secretary of the Graduate Student Association, the African Studies students are concerned that the program

may be terminated. "Usually, the Title VI application is signed automatically," Nicholls said, "but that has not been the case this time, and we're concerned."

The letter, dated Feb. 6, cited the following student concerns: 1) reasons for the lack of approval of Title VI, 2) reasons for the proposed review of the department, and 3) information on the rumor that the African Studies Research Program may be terminated.

The African Studies Research program was officially made a part of the curriculum in 1957 by funds from the Ford Foundation and Howard is the only university in the nation which offers a Ph.D degree in African Studies.

In a personal letter, Nicholls explained to the Evaluation Committee of the Graduate School that, after studying the curricula at Harvard and Yale and finding only Masters degree curricula, it only made sense to come to Howard where the Ph.D degree is offered. Nicholls is a Ph.D candidate from Great Britain.

According to Nicholls, and Akwasi Osi, also a member of the Graduate Student Association of African Studies, although the Univer-

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correction

An article in last week's issue of *The Hilltop* (March 8, 1985), entitled "LASC Results Declared Void" contained an error in facts. The unofficial election returns cited in the story were incorrect.

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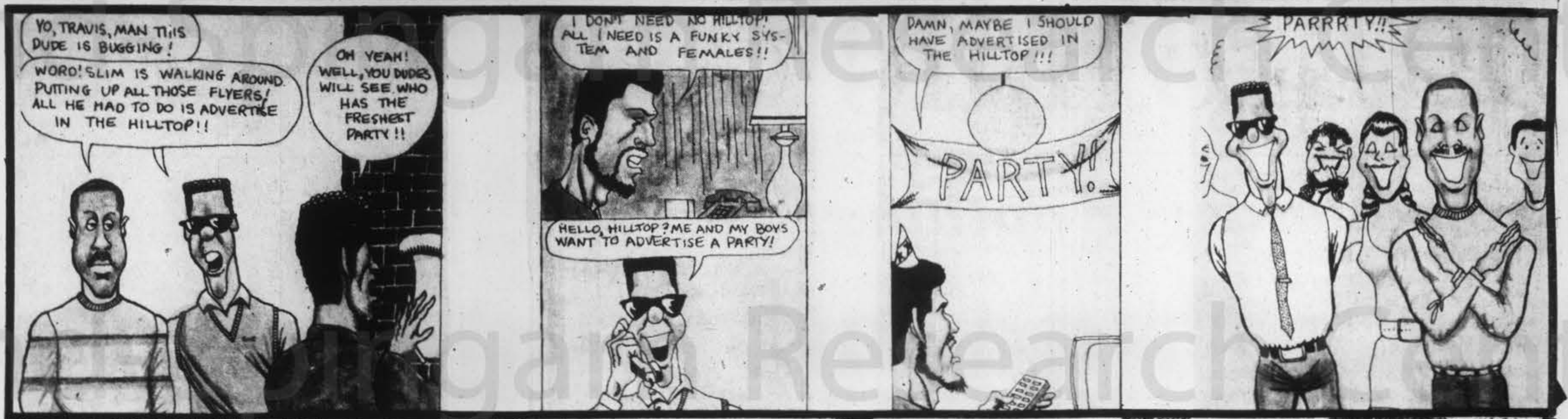
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Editorials

Something for nothing

Last week, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) named South Carolina State's Willie Simon as its women's basketball Coach of the Year. But the odds are high that if the selectors of the award had a chance to do it all over again, they probably would have picked Howard's own Sanya Tyler for the honor.

South Carolina State had the best record in the conference, finishing the year with a 20-5 overall record and a near perfect 13-1 record in the league. The Lady Bulldogs also had the best team in regard to overall talent, with All-MEAC players, Vonda Middleton and Wanda Pittman, pacing the team. However, with the great record coming into last week's MEAC tournament and a talented team, the Lady Bulldogs did not win the MEAC title. Perhaps more importantly, they did not make the finals.

The Lady Bison, on the other hand, did make the finals. And most importantly, they won the MEAC title in a convincing manner, crushing Morgan State 85-66. However, it is not because the Lady Bison won that Tyler should have received the award. It is because of the adversity that she and her team withstood to become the champions that the Howard head coach should have received the honor.

Last year Howard finished the season with a disappointing 8-20 record in a year filled with disappointments. The biggest disappointment was that six players succumbed to academic perils. The Lady Bison entered this season with only four players returning from last year's squad, two of whom only played half of last season's games. This year Tyler had to depend on the ability of six freshmen and two transfers to make a difference in the team's roster.

With little surprise, the Lady Bison got off to a rough start, entering their twelfth game with a 1-10 record against nationally ranked teams like North Carolina State and Maryland, but with due credit to the team, the Lady

Bison did not lose faith in themselves and held together as a team. The final tribute to Tyler's and the team's, stick-to-it-iveness was the capturing of the MEAC crown—something a Tyler-led team had not done since 1982.

If you think this is a minor accomplishment, imagine the kids from Romper Room getting an A in Organic Chemistry and you will have an idea of what an achievement this is. Perhaps the most amazing thing about this full-time program is that it is handled by a part-time coach. All Division I coaches have to deal with some kind of adversity, but few are hired on a part-time basis. Tyler has a job at Howard University Hospital and is a single parent in addition to her coaching duties. Yet, she goes on away trips with the team, recruits new players, and tries to keep tabs on all 12 players.

The bottom line is that Tyler has been doing full-time work for part-time status and pay. It is a policy that has been going on too long in regard to athletics at Howard. Of the 15 varsity sports at Howard, only eight coaches are employed on a full-time basis, six of whom are involved with the football program. This something-for-nothing program is not only unfair to the athletes, it is unfair to many of the coaches who have to wear too many hats and are still expected to produce quality teams.

It is time for Tyler to be installed as a full-time coach. She has proven this time and again by squeezing Division I performances out of Division II support for the program. There is not too much else she can do as a coach, and with her schedule, there is not too much she can do as a person.

Tyler has proven her dedication to the women's program. Now it is time for the University to prove its dedication to the women's program and make Tyler a full-time coach.

It's only right.

Dear Mr. Calhoun . . .

Congratulations are in order. You and your staff ran an excellent campaign. We're sure you and Mr. Moore are savoring the victory. Understandably, we realize that before you assume office, you might want to rest and just think. But before you set your schedule, we would just like to bring a few items to your attention.

We are quite aware that you and your staff have a specific agenda. And more than likely, it is replete with fresh and innovative ideas. But if you will permit us, we'd like to expand your agenda with just a few more items.

Item One: High on your agenda should be the restructuring of the HUSA Constitution. Revising and amending the document isn't the hardest part. The taxing task will be to push it through the apathetic General Assembly and the more apathetic student populace.

Item Two: Continue the struggle to make Afro-American Studies a required course. No student should matriculate through this university without taking at least one Afro-American Studies course. You might save a few jobs also.

Item Three: Press the administration to investigate and upgrade the dormitories. Stu-

dents' living quarters are a shambles. Water faucets don't work, toilets malfunction, ceilings leak, carpets reek, and air conditioners have been known to give off heat.

Item Four: Investigate the possibility of getting a stop sign placed at 4th and College streets. It is a very dangerous intersection. Also, walk around campus from time to time and jot down items that could use your attention.

Item Five: Challenge students to participate in as many activities as possible. Rally against student apathy among students as well as those in student government.

Item Six: Finally, remember that you are a student first, a public servant second. Be fair to the attention you pay your academics. Many student leaders have been more concerned with their office than with their studies.

Mr. Calhoun, you are now running your own ship. A majority of the "voting" students view you as a capable leader. Indeed, as HUSA president you will often be in the eye of the storm. Take with you our hopes that you will weather it well. Once again, congratulations.

Barry Jerrels

Jazz anyone?

A key word that has echoed recently about this university more than any other is apathy. And I cannot agree more with HUSA president Christopher Cathcart, that is must end.

We Howard students seem so apathetic to so many things it would be helpful to most, I'm sure, if our various, specific, inadequacies were pointed out.

So, here I go, as suggested by Cathcart in a recent *Hilltop* editorial (Feb. 22). I'm joining "in a declaration of war against all forms of apathy on this campus."

The form I would like to address is the general lack of support for a major aspect of Black culture/jazz. I've been wanting to address this concern with the Howard community for

some time now, and while support for our Afro-American Studies Department is beginning to mature, I can't think of a more appropriate time to address it.

We should commend ourselves for awakening our consciousness about your need to know more about our history. But let's not fall short. We continue to talk about how we need to alter the status quo, bring about respect to our so called leaders, and recognition to our culture. Yet, we do not realize that the social milieu in which change is brought about incites and molds the human spirit to bring about that change.

In the 1940s, 50s, and 60s, the decades in which Blacks were most progressive in their assault on the status quo, it was not uncommon for Blacks to be consciously defiant toward mainstream America.

Musically, the form and term that evolved out of this ear was bebop. During our progressive era this music permeated the lives of Blacks. It sup-

ported the whole movement and Jeology that we as Black people are sometimes failing to uphold and that is self-definition. It defied mainstream American music (swing), which White America had taken over, controlled, and profited from. It was what we needed at that time to move away from our apathetic state. We began to define for our self and love ourselves. The dress of bebop jazz pioneer Dizzy Gillespie became the standard dress of beboppers across America; horn-rimmed glasses, a beret, and a goatee, and usually a zoot suit.

As we all probably know, jazz evolved out of the Black experience. We cannot let it get away from us. As it stands now, our generation does not understand and importance of supporting jazz.

Let's not turn back the hands of time on ourselves. As the Afro-American Studies Department needs our support, so Jazz Studies. Let's not be apathetic to its concerns and needs.

Robert Adu-Asare

Endangered studies

Is Howard's African Studies and Research Program under the threat of extinction? At least graduate students in the program fear a sword of Damocles hangs over the existence of this program.

First, funding for African languages instruction has been blocked, effective next fall semester. Second, the program currently is under evaluation by a committee appointed by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS).

The reason GSAS discouraged the funding renewal proposal for language instruction is because the program is under evaluation. Funding for language instruction has been provided by a Title VI arrangement through the Department of Education. Out of that funding, the African Studies Program also provides community relations activities through its Outreach Program.

That the GSAS will create a condition—an evaluation process—and use it as reason to cut off a source of vital funding is like cutting one's nose to spite one's face. That the GSAS may have ulterior motives toward phasing out the African

Studies Program is born by one important factor—a qualifying proficiency in an African language is a requirement for graduation. What this means is that students in the program who have not satisfied the language requirement will find themselves in a quagmire as of the fall semester. It means also that new entrants to the program may have to be relieved of the language requirement and possibly the field research in an African country, which is also a requirement.

The twist of events, thus far, leaves much room for serious questioning beyond the realm of mere speculation. The whole of the Howard community, including the alumni, must debate the issue of whether this University, of all universities, deserves a African Studies Program. Some people in powerful positions may think the contrary. However, as we all know, most self-respecting universities in the country have a regional studies program.

Maybe some decision-makers think Howard would be more suitable for European Studies. In such a case, training of experts to impact on

United States policy towards Africa would be left to other well-suited universities. Therefore, United States policy will continue to be influenced by the Chester Crokers and the Henry Kissingers, with back-up from the Heritage Foundation, as opposed to the Andrew Youngs and the Jesse Jacksons, with support from TransAfrica.

In an era of cultural heroism, symbolized by populist outbursts of extremist conservatism, it is not unusual to discard the dreams of W.E.B. DuBois and Marcus Garvey, among others. Where has judgment gone?

Like the demands made on behalf of Afro-American Studies, the least Howard's students can do is to stay on top of events concerning the African Studies Program. Remember, it is vital connection to our roots. Yesterday it was Afro-American Studies, today it is African Studies. Who knows, it may be African Art tomorrow. Coming events cast their shadows long before they arrive.

Robert Adu Asare is a contributing editorial writer for *The Hilltop*.

Chester Hartman

The homeless dilemma

The plight of the homeless is a political issue that is attracting more and more attention. Even the basic question of how many Americans are homeless has been the subject of great political controversy.

While most private and public agencies have used the estimate of two to three million, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1984 released a study that put the number at only 250,000 to 350,000—a finding widely assailed as based more on political preference than on sound methodology, and the subject of a critical joint House Subcommittee hearing in May of 1984.

Conservatives tend to insist that homelessness is primarily a problem of the mentally ill, and that the solution is a simple one: institutionalization. Charles Krauthammer wrote recently in *The Washington Post*, "There is a better alternative [to shelters], however, though no one dares speak its name. Asylum."

Krauthammer acknowledged the need to create better institutions than the snake pits that outraged the public in the 1950s and that led to the passage of the Community-Mental Health Act of 1963. But he insisted that the homeless are essentially a de-ranked segment of the population, and that we must have the "political will" to isolate them from society "whether they like it or not."

Such arguments ignore mounting evidence that there are "normal" individuals—and families—among the homeless. To be sure, alcoholics and the psychiatrically or physically disabled are no small part of the homeless population. But even the Reagan administration's discredited HUD study acknowledged that more than 20 percent of the occupants of shelters are in family groups, and that mentally ill individuals account for only 22 percent of those in shelters. On the exceptionally cold night of January 9, 1985, when New York City housed almost 20,000 people in shelters and hotels, 63 percent were in family groupings.

The tragedy of the homeless is, in fact, linked to structural aspects of our economic system and to specific policies pursued by government:

- As a result of 1981 changes in the regulations governing Aid to Families with Dependent Children, half of the working families receiving such assistance lost their eligibility and another 40 percent had their benefits reduced.

- Millions of unemployed workers are receiving reduced assistance. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, only 33 percent of the 9.5 million officially counted as jobless in 1983 were collecting unemployment benefits of any kind—the lowest percentage on record since the introduction of unemployment compensation.

- Cutbacks imposed in 1981 on food stamp and child nutrition programs—expected to total \$12 billion by this year—force many families to "choose" homelessness in prefer-

ence to hunger.

- Most welfare grants include totally inadequate allotments for housing. In New York state, welfare rent ceilings remained unchanged from 1975 to 1984, despite enormous housing inflation during that period. In other states, the rent allotment in welfare allowances ranges from 20 percent to 60 percent of HUD's locally established "fair market rents."

- The Reagan administration has ended most programs of low-rent housing construction or rehabilitation. Furthermore, HUD is systematically diminishing the existing and irreplaceable stock of 1.3 million public housing units by subjecting it to demolition, abandonment, sale, and conversion—a process helped along by the lack of adequate operating, maintenance, and modernization funds.

- Rents paid by families in subsidized housing have been raised from 25 percent to 30 percent of income—an increase that will transfer \$6 billion from the pockets of the poor to the government in the years from 1981 to 1986. For many families on the margin, that seemingly small increase can result in voluntary departure or forced eviction for nonpayment of rent.

- Every year, some 2.5 million Americans are displaced from their homes. In New York City, half of the almost 500,000 eviction actions in 1983 were directed against public assistance recipients, whose next home may well have been a city shelter.

- According to the Urban Institute, the poorest fifth of the nation saw its taxes increase an average of 24 percent from 1980 to 1984. The heavier tax burden means less disposable income for rent and other necessities.

- At bottom, the problem of homelessness is caused by the loss of

tens of thousands of low-rent housing units each year. Urban renewal has destroyed central-city SRO-hotels, apartments, and rooming houses. Condominium conversions and gentrification—encouraged by tax policies that aid real estate developers and those who own rather than rent—push out the poor.

Homelessness is, in sum, simply an extreme manifestation of poverty, and homelessness is on the rise because poverty is, too. Economic pressures on the poor and the near-poor are intensifying while housing costs continue to climb. The result is an ever-widening gap between the shelter people can afford and the shelter they need.

The homeless are just one step ahead of the pre-homeless: the 2.7 million renter households with incomes of less than \$3,000 a year, who must devote a median of 72 percent of income to their housing costs; the 6 percent of all homeowners (almost 10 percent in states with high unemployment) who are more than thirty days behind in their mortgage payments; the hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of "doubled up" households—17,000 in New York City's public housing projects alone.

Unless the workings of the private market and of government are drastically revised, these will be the homeless of tomorrow.

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to be sacred when it is thought useful to take it. Capital punishment does not deter crime. The death penalty is uncivilized in principle and unfair and inequitable in practice," said Bedau.

"Our political institutions should not kill. The death penalty should be abolished," adds Schwarzschild.

New York City Mayor Edward Koch disagrees.

Mayor Koch said that he believes that capital punishment is a deterrent to those who commit the crimes, and a deterrent to crime in the state, and that he is absolutely in favor of it.

"If people realize that their own life will be forfeited, than they would not be so quick to commit a crime." We have had murders go to jail get out and do the same crime again. If they had been murdered than they would not have committed the second crime, Koch said Tuesday night on *Nightline*, an ABC nightly news talk show.

He added, "There was a fellow who was sentenced to three life terms in prison. He killed a guard while in there, and is now serving four life terms. If he had been murdered, there would not have been the death of that guard."

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Reichard Abdo's death Tuesday is apparently not linked to the wave of earlier heroin deaths.

LORTON, VIRGINIA—March 13

The District of Columbia Department of Corrections says 170 striking Lorton reformatory inmates are demanding a pay increase and other privileges, but added that the inmates will lose their visitation privileges if they do not return to work.

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Fraternity.

He also serves as a *pro bono* attorney and youth counselor at Houston's St. Luke, the Evangelist Episcopal Church.

Taylor was born Feb. 12, 1954, in Petersburg, Va., and moved to Texas in 1978. He is married to Elaine Hutchins from Houston.

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sity has made no official policy to disband the department, students want a response from Winston, concerning the recent rumor and the investigation.

The African Studies Research Center is separate from the Afro-American Studies Department.

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ding to a spokesperson in the law office.

Matters dealing with lawsuits, academic problems, and counseling needs are handled by the outside firm, where Anthony Morella is American's General Counsel.

As a state agency, the University of Maryland is represented by the attorney general's office. The University also employs four full-time in-house attorneys and another on a part-time basis to act as counselors to the faculty, staff, and administrators. However, the in-house attorneys do not get involved in litigation, according to a spokeswoman in the law office.

The public relations office at George Washington University (the only office authorized to give such information) was unable to comment about its legal staff.

Thornell said that three positions for attorneys were created as part of the reorganization process to address the areas of employment litigation, medical malpractice, and counseling and advisory needs.

At the same time, he said that two positions, executive assistant to the General Counsel and special assistant to the General Counsel, were abolished. The abolishment of the special assistant position has resulted in another lawsuit against the University.

Brenda D. Williams, whose position as special assistant was annulled October 12, 1984, has filed suit with the D.C. Superior Court for breach of contract.

Williams is seeking \$1 million in damages, claiming the University breached its contract and caused her to suffer "a loss of earnings and earning capacity and her reputation and ability to obtain other employment at the University and elsewhere has been irreparably damaged."

While Thornell would not discuss the case in specifics because it is in litigation, he did say that the University was acting under provisions outlined in the University's Employee Handbook when it abolished Williams' position. "The Employee's Handbook provides that the University may abolish a posi-

Lady Bison

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son. Since Graham's return to the line-up in late January (after an auto accident last summer), the Lady Bison, not coincidentally, went on to win 11 of their last 15 games.

During the MEAC tourney, Graham was even better, averaging over 18 points per game while playing both the point guard and shooting guard positions. For her efforts, Graham was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player (MVP). In addition, Graham, Duncan and Kennedy were all named to the MEAC All-Tournament Team.

After the game, Graham said that the victory and MVP honors "felt great," but stressed that the championship was a "team effort." She said that the team "didn't do anything different" to prepare for the tournament other than approach it with a "new attitude."

"We just decided we had what it takes to win it. Fortunately, things worked out well for us and it was easier than expected," said Graham.

For senior Duncan, the victory punctuated the last game in her record-breaking college basketball career.

"I couldn't have asked for a better way to go out," said an emotional Duncan. "Despite all the records I've achieved at Howard, this [tournament victory] is definitely the highlight of my career. I just thank God that I was able to experience it."

Tyler echoed those sentiments. "Robin really went out for us and we're going to miss her next year," said the coach. "But remember that this team is young [seven freshmen and three sophomores]. We'll be back strong again."

Kennedy agreed. "Twenty-nine games ago no one would have thought this was possible, but we never lost confidence—even when we were 0-8. We knew we were better than that," Kennedy said. "Next year we have everyone except Robin coming back, so we're going to keep getting better."

Tyler now finds herself in an enviable position in regard to next season. She has a good nucleus of returning players in Graham, Kennedy, and potential stars Courtney Bullard and Darlene Beale, as well as a host of other young, but promising, players. With another good recruiting year, there could be a powerful Lady Bison team in the making for next season.

But that's next season. For now, the Lady Bison's victory should be remembered as a triumph for Head Coach Sanya Tyler, who juggled the duties of coaching, recruiting, motherhood, and a second job and still came out a winner; her Assistant Coach Linda Spencer; and especially the Lady Bison, who proved that hard work *does* pay off in the end.

tion pursuant to a reorganization . . . when there is a determination that the provision of services needs to be reorganized. We were acting under that provision when we abolished those two positions," Thornell said.

The provision which Thornell made reference to is Section 1.11, Clause D of the non-faculty Employee Handbook. The "Abolishment of Position Clause" states in part, "A position may be abolished due to budgetary retrenchment, reorganization, or when the best interest of the University will be served."

The funds that had been used for the two abolished positions, both which were non-attorney positions, according to Thornell, were then used to finance an attorney's position.

In her suit, Williams contends that "the transfer of duties from an existing employee to a new employee or employees is not an action which ceases the existence of an established position," and that "a reorganization is more than a transfer of the same duties from one employee to another."

Williams has charged that the University "has abused the discretion reserved it by the Employee Handbook by maliciously, wrongfully, wantonly and recklessly using the authority contained in Section 1.11D of the Handbook..."

In that same suit, Williams is also seeking \$1 million in damages for intentional infliction of emotional distress and \$1 million for invasion of privacy in connection with the printing of a letter in the September 21, 1984 issue of *The Hilltop*.

According to the suit, the letter "raises questions as to the propriety of the relationship between the General Counsel [Dorsey Lane] and the plaintiff, and cause her grievous harm."

Looking to the future of the University's legal office, Thornell said that within one year he expects that most of the University's litigation will be handled in-house.

Academic accolades

Business society holds induction

By Kuae Noel Kelch

Hilltop Staff Reporter

Forty-seven people, including students, faculty, and administration, were inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, Howard's School of Business and Public Administration's honor society last Saturday.

Caspa L. Harris Jr., vice president for business affairs, received honorary memberships from Beta Gamma Sigma at the eighth annual induction ceremony held in the School of Business auditorium.

Pauline Wiltshire, president of Beta Gamma Sigma, presented each candidate with a key and certificate of recognition bestowing upon them the highest scholastic honor that a business student can attain.

Students eligible for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma must rank in the top five percent of their junior class, the top 10 percent of their senior class, the upper 20 percent of those receiving their masters or doctoral degrees.

Wiltshire said that there are more than 225 chapters of Beta Gamma Sigma on campuses in the United States. Howard's chapter now has 17 faculty members, four honorary members, and 222 student members (excluding new members).

According to a University news release, the purpose of the honor society, which received its Howard Charter in 1976, is to encourage and

reward scholarship and accomplishment among business students, to promote the advancement of education in the art and science of business, and to foster integrity in the conduct of business operations.

Wiltshire said that the new members of Beta Gamma Sigma exemplify the meaning of Beta Gamma Sigma. Beta signifies honor, Gamma signifies wisdom and Sigma means earnestness.

Sharon L. Hill-Wilson, a management analyst in the Office of Research and Statistics in Fairfax County, stressed the importance of striving for excellence during her keynote speech at the reception and dinner which followed the induction ceremony and was held in the Armour J. Blackburn Center Ballroom.

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Phillips said that a memorial service would be held in the very near future at a location to be announced.

Prime Minister George Chambers of Trinidad, who was scheduled to meet with Adams later this year, announced that he would be attending the funeral. Flags are also being flown at half-staff in Trinidad, reported CANA.

CANA also reported that Grenada's Prime Minister Herbert Blaize said, "The news of the sudden death of Prime Minister Tom Adams of

Hill-Wilson, who also serves as president of two local corporations, Hilltop Enterprises Inc., and Sharron's Inc., which operate gas stations in Maryland and Washington, said that in all of her measures of excellence, God is most important in her life.

"If you take this opportunity right now to embellish and to enrich what you already have here, which is the ability and skill to do, and embellish that with the true and ultimate measure of excellence by delighting yourself in the word of God, I guarantee you it will be the most humbling experience you have ever had," she said.

Wiltshire said that the society plans to engage in more activities in the future. "We want to invite students

from the different high schools, encourage them to come to Howard and explain academic excellence," she said.

Rawle Brown, vice president of Beta Gamma Sigma, said he feels that one of the major advantages of belonging to the society is that the name is instantly recognizable.

"I have gone into several interviews and as soon as I say I am in Beta Gamma Sigma, their eyes light up," he said.

Oneykachi O. Otihi, master of ceremonies and member of the honor society said, "If you have made fairly decent grades and have been inducted into an honor society, you are one step ahead. You don't have to worry about the honor society, just worry about selling yourself."

Barbados has taken us all off guard."

Blaize added that the people of Grenada would feel the loss because "we know to what extent that man went to help us in our time of need."

Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga, who learned of Adams' death while chairing a cabinet meeting, received it with "great shock and sadness," according to CANA.

Dominican Prime Minister Eugenia Charles said, "It is a very sad day for Barbados and the rest of the Caribbean as a whole and Dominica, especially, will miss him a great deal because he has been a good friend to us."

An official at the Barbados embassy said that the body will lie in state from Thursday to Saturday morning and the funeral will take place at the St. Michael's Cathedral in Barbados at 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

Adams was born in Barbados September 24, 1931 to Sir Adams and Lady Grace Adams. He attended Oxford University where he graduated with masters degrees in politics, philosophy and economics. During that period, he served as president of the Oxford University West Indian Association. He continued his studies in law at Gray's Inn and was admitted to the bar in 1959.

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Leisure & Arts

Celebrating fine arts

By Sherri Bryant
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The 1985 Fine Arts Annual Spring Festival opened to an enthusiastic audience Wednesday at noon in the Ira Aldridge Theatre. The opening ceremony began with a lively rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever" by the Howard University Concert Band, followed by a warm welcome address by Beverly Jenkins, Fine Arts Student Council President.

The keynote speaker and official opener of the festival was Michael Winston, vice president for academic affairs, who delivered an interesting and pertinent address concerning the role of the artist in the University, which was well received by the general audience. Vada Butcher, dean of the College of Fine Arts, followed with closing remarks and the ceremony moved to the entrance to fine arts building, where Shari Clements marked the opening of the festival by cutting the ceremonial ribbon in front of the building.

The festival will run through Thursday and will offer a large number of interesting seminars, workshops, and demonstrations and the Howard Community is encouraged to attend. After the ceremony, the first demonstration was conducted by Professor Jeff Donaldson and his social painting class. A mural painting located on the landing between the first and second floors will be replaced by Professor Donaldson and his class.

The previous mural, painted in 1973 by Testafye Tessema called "Children of the Drought," concerned the drought in Ethiopia that still exists today. The one in progress will carry a theme that reflects the College of Fine Arts. It will contain hidden symbols of the music, art, and drama departments and the viewer will have to discover for himself what these symbols are and what they represent.

Andy Jacobs, a graduate student from Trinidad, made the basic design and the others in the class contributed



By Forrest Wade-The Hilltop

A member of the Howard University Jazz Repertoire at Wednesday night's performance.

to the design. The demonstration will be in progress throughout the festival until its completion. Another demonstration will be in progress by associate Professor of Arts Frank Smith and his Design IV class, in which they will be building a fifteen-foot bridge-like structure made of fabric and welded steel.

Today is the opening night for the 15th Annual Art Faculty Exhibition. Sixteen talented faculty art members will display their work in the Gallery of Art located on the first floor of the Fine Arts building. The Howard Community is encouraged to join the Department of Art for the opening reception tonight from 6:00 p.m. to

8:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery.

The Art Student Association presents its fashion extravaganza, approximately named "Innovations in Elegance" Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Blackburn Center Ballroom. It will feature talented, innovative designers in the Washington metropolitan area. For a true fashion experience and good entertainment, this is definitely the place to be. Tickets are available in advance at Cramton Auditorium and are priced at \$4.50 with Howard identification and \$5.50 without identification. On Monday, Ron Akili Anderson will have a stained glass lecture and demonstration at 12:00 p.m. at John Wesley AME Zion Church, and Tuesday at noon, Januwa Moja Nelson will conduct a fiber workshop in Room 1012, College of Fine Arts.

One of the most interesting and beneficial seminars offered in the festival is "Improvisation in the Arts: Movement, Color, Sound." It will be held Thursday, at 1:30 p.m. in the sculpture annex. Professor Al Smith (art), Professor Vera Katz (drama), and Arthur Dawkins (music) will lead the seminar. This seminar is particularly interesting because it is designed to introduce a "common language" between each department. Each professor will address the relationships and influences that his field has on the other fields, and how the other departments hopes that establishing and developing this "common language" will create a deeper understanding and sensitivity in the fine arts student of their field and the other departments. He also feels that it should direct the student toward more creativity and not just learning the techniques required.

All seminars are open to the Howard community, and those interested are encouraged to join the College of Fine Arts in celebrating their 1985 Spring Festival. For more information call the College of Fine Arts, 636-7041 or 636-7047.

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New group expresses blackness through poetry

Hilltop Staff Report

Everyone who did not get a chance to see "Black Expressions," a new theatrical student organization, perform on Feb. 25 and Feb. 27 in the Blackburn Center, missed out on an outstanding show.

The purpose of the show was to celebrate Black History Month. The students who organized and made such a show possible were Bobby D. Butler, Rochelle D. Murdock, Linda M. Sithole, and Keith L. Taylor.

The idea for a Black History Month show was thought of by Bobby and Rochelle, who were a part of a similar theatrical group, "Theater Expressions," in Chicago, Illinois. They both thought that there was a need for Black people to love one another, to keep their Black pride, and to learn to express themselves through Black poetry. The show started off with a skit done by the group that signified they were bored

and tired of meeting every weekend and doing nothing. The group comes up with an idea, which happens to be putting on a show. From there, the real show begins and the performers recite and dramatize poetry of famous writers like Langston Hughes and Nikki Giovanni, as well as original poetry.

Bobby D. Butler (freshman) is in the School of Liberal Arts as a chemistry major. A native of Chicago, he has been acting for the past five years and has most recently appeared in "That Jazz Life." He is also known for his poetic ability. While attending Carver Area High School, he maintained a B average and was the fourth Black student to represent Chicago in the International Science and Engineering Fair. He is the manager and student director for the group. When asked about the group, he said, "I feel really good about the group because we'll go a long way." He also stated that the future plans of the

group are "to present similar shows in the future."

Rochelle Murdock, a freshman in the School of Liberal Arts, is majoring in physical therapy. She is the current treasurer for Black Expressions. She stated, "Students interested in Black Expressions should contact one of the members and show that they are serious about performing. She added, "Black Expressions needs the support of students and continued organization." Linda M. Sithole, a sophomore drama major in the School of Fine Arts, has had experience as far as acting is concerned. She was born in South Africa and raised in Chicago. She attended Whitney Young High School and was graduated with a B average. She has appeared in more than 26 theatrical plays and performances, including commercials and filmwork. Among her most noted performances were "Swapface" and "You Can't Take It With You." When asked why she

joined Black Expressions, she responded, "Bobby came up with a concept that so inspired me that I had to be a part of it." She also stressed that the emergence of the group was long overdue. "A lot of people tend to overlook poetry, myself even, but seeing poetry performed is much more exciting than reading it... also, performing helps you to get a clearer understanding of what the poet is trying to convey," she said. Last, but not least, is Keith L.

Taylor. He is a freshman human development major in the School of Human Ecology. He is most known for writing poetry and has composed over 30 pieces, including some published work. He is currently the proffreader for the Hilltop and is the group's secretary. When asked about his fellow performers, he stated, "Dynamic is a word that can be used to describe my fellow performers and friends." He also said, "Black Expressions needs student support, sufficient funds and people interested in joining and continuing what the organization has started."

As for the future of Black Expressions, the group will be keeping their "Black spirit" alive throughout the Howard University campus. On March 17 they will be performing in the Drew Hall Fashion Show. After spring break, the group will start working on a new show. Students interested in joining Black Expressions should contact Keith Taylor at 882-5751.

Not quite a 'Sure Thing'

By Garry G. Denny
Hilltop Staffwriter

On the corner of Georgia and Bryant streets, across from our own Howard Inn, there is a thriving dough-maker called Wonderbread. Amongst their specialties is the all-American staple—white bread. Upon further investigation one might discover that this factory is responsible for a recent movie release, "Sure Thing."

In Hollywood's own version of white bread, middle-America director Rob Reiner depicts predictable standards while managing to make an almost charming film. In it, we meet Gibson and his best buddy Lance who, as we learn quickly, are both about to embark on separate college careers which have Gibson going to a school in New England and Lance attending the infamous UCLA.

As you might guess, the first item

on Gib's agenda is finding the elusive girlfriend—and getting her into bed. But, much to Gib's dismay, the temperature is not the only cold part in New England. Meanwhile, pal Lance has sent Gibson a photo of a captivating bathing beauty with a note on the back saying, "This is the ugliest girl in California!"

As the story goes, along comes the sophisticated bookworm Alison. After eyeing her in his English class, Gibson begins pursuing Alison in the cute, innocuous way in which movie-makers perceive dating. Not one to be taken in by his silly pretenses, Alison at first ignores him, but soon sees the light and agrees to date.

Things begin to heat up when both Alison and Gibson hitchhike across country together in search of different vacation activities. Alison wants to see her dull-as-dishwater boyfriend (expertly played by Boyd Gaines) and Gibson wants to spend a precious eve-

ning with a nymphomaniac coed at UCLA, courtesy of Lance.

If this all sounds extremely cute, you're right. "The Sure Thing" is supposed to be a comedy about young men and women coming of age. Instead what we get is a barely funny film about young men and women who have little or no feeling for.

The two male leads in this film (John Cusack as Gibson and Anthony Edwards as Lance) are funny, but it's the type of humor that you giggle about in moments of deep boredom. Daphne Zuniga is effective as Alison, yet her delivery is sometimes confusing and undistinguished.

So, "The Sure Thing" is little more than "Risky Business" without the avant garde directing and engaging soundtrack. However, with a few good qualities that it does possess, the price of admission is not too much to ask.

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Do you think Greek letter organizations are what they used to be? Do you think pledging is worthwhile?



Name: Michele Fuller
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Since I have not completed my pledge period, I can only speak from an outsider's point of view. Nonetheless, I do feel that most Greek-letter organizations have lived up to the goals and principles on which they were founded. One of the reasons I wanted to pledge was because I felt that I identified with the ideals on which Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded.

I think pledging is definitely worthwhile for many reasons. First of all, it not only helps to prepare you to work in the organization after you have crossed, but it also disciplines you and makes you a stronger person. It teaches you a lot about the organization, both positive and negative sides, and consequently, it makes you love and appreciate the organization. Finally, it is an invaluable learning experience. It helps you to learn more about yourself.



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Organization: Zeta Phi Beta, Inc.

Most organizations nowadays are merely there for peer prestige. They do not conform to the beliefs and ideas of their founders. If Black Greeks were to drop the image that they have, maybe things could go back to how they were originally meant to be.

Pledging is worthwhile because it helps the individual to realize their strengths and weaknesses. It can be a period in which society can view the individual in a different light.



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Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Organization: Alpha Phi Alpha

Fraternal organizations aren't what they used to be because times now are different from the times in which these organizations evolved. However, they still serve to provide many of the same types of benefits to their members and Blacks in general. Pledging is only worthwhile if the individual truly wants to be a member, has no doubts and goes through with it until it's over.



Name: Emily A. Page
Class: Senior
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina
Organization: Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

The founders of Black Greek-letter organizations established the goals and values by which all of its members should strive to live. The founders of most of these organizations also envisioned their fraternities or sororities making a significant contribution to the Black community using the resources of its members. I feel that Black Greek-letter organizations still live up to the principles of their findings. Most members strive to live by the values and goals and most work hard for community service. Those who sincerely desire membership in these organizations today, do so basically for the same reasons that people have always wanted to join.



Name: Tracy D. Proctor Jr.
Class: Junior
Major: Therapeutic recreation
Hometown: Washington, D.C.
Organization: Phi Beta Sigma

I feel that Greek organizations are what they used to be in the sense that they accomplish their noble deeds, such as their major programs toward the University community and the nation. The negative feeling that I have is that the Greek organizations should stop trying to portray an image such that they are superior to one another, which the Greek letter organizations are basically here to organize and help the needy people of all nationalities.

I also feel that it is worth the while for a person to pledge in a Greek organization of their own influence and choice instead of being pressured in pledging. Pledging allows a person to identify their abilities of what they can take and what they cannot take. It gives that person a great deal of discipline or teaches a person to become disciplined.



Name: Steven Marc Thames
Class: Senior
Major: Marketing
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Organization: Omega Psi Phi

Greek organizations, and any other group or club, are made up of members of that particular group. Each member should be able to perpetuate the meaning of their fraternity or sorority to anyone seeking membership in their organization to maintain a high level of performance.

Greek organizations are only what we, the members, want it to be. Your interpretation may differ from mine, however, it is the people in higher places who are changing and ruining old policies that our founders created to meet their so-called modern needs.

If you had asked me ten days after I had gone over, I would have told you that pledging was not worth it. However, after pledging two lines and seeing how both ends operate, I can definitely conclude that pledging is a worthwhile experience. Where else could you meet ten to thirty strangers and become friends overnight?

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Waiting . . . Health service draws student complaints

By Carol Winn
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Student complaints about the University's Health Services Clinic has prompted explanations for what students perceive to be shortcomings in service and assurances that their grievances will be addressed.

Irritated by the amount of time spent waiting to be seen by a doctor, students have charged that doctors and other personnel are short-tempered and don't take students seriously.

"Sometimes I think it's a joke. I had to convince the doctor that I had an allergy problem," said photography major Andrea Haynes who said she also encountered a hassle in trying to be referred to the hospital for treatment.

Allegations by students that doctors don't take them seriously are "absolutely false," according to Health Services Administrator McLain Garrett.

Haynes said it seemed as if all physicians took lunch simultaneously and added, "I thought I was going to see another doctor. I was waiting and waiting."

According to Garrett, the wait is comparatively similar to other clinics. "Our waiting time is almost non-existent."

Peak hours are between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and an average of 225 to 230 students visit the clinic per day. Garrett recommended that students make schedules allowing them to visit during non-peak hours since services are available from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. With the number of students serviced per day, Garrett said that students should expect a 15- to 20-minute wait.

Garrett said that he has not received any student complaints about the services rendered, but said that appointments just before the 1984 Christmas break until the first week in March 1985, were suspended because two physicians were on sick leave. "That created a problem but didn't affect the quality or the quantity of care," he said.

Marketing major Oliver Johnson said that the clinic needs more doctors, nurse assistants and better facilities. "Things could be a little bit more efficient," he said.

Johnson said he encountered a confrontation with a physician when he wouldn't allow him to explain himself and recalled, "so I reemphasized my point." Johnson said that although "most physicians are nice, one of the biggest problems is time . . . It's the student's approach as well. Just as we complain about the administration, the administration complains."

Garrett said students are seen by "triage nurses" who assess the condition of patients and refer them to the hospital if necessary.

Senior physician Dr. Ernest Brad-dock said that sometimes students come in with chips on their shoulders and "want to be doctor" by demanding what medications they need. "We [doctors] get the brunt of it . . .

Sometimes students have friends who make suggestions and they may not even be medical personnel," he said. "We're not perfect . . . [but] on the basis of our examinations, we try to give the best advice and medicine."

A junior psychology major who declined to give her name said, "There are too many people who come in and out. It's kind of like an assembly line and privacy is lacking . . . They [doctors] think everyone is stupid," she said.

While acknowledging that the addition of the pharmacy and women's clinic has relieved anxieties, she said "I have grown not to trust health clinics. Doctors are intimidating and talk down to people."

"You [doctors] have to be persistent," said Garrett, in dealing with students who come back to see a doctor two and three times after explanations about medication use already have been discussed. He added that doctors who are alleged to have spoken to students in a demeaning manner "will not be tolerated."

"We have the only pharmacy devoted exclusively for the student health center of any University pharmacy anywhere [and] have the largest student health center in the Washington D.C. area anywhere. I am not saying that we are perfect, things get a little hectic," Garrett said.

Sherwood Daniels, a senior zoology major said, "Everything has been positive, although they need more staff to reduce the waits."

A suggestion box for student concerns has been placed above the sign-in sheet in the health clinic and has been there for the past week.

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Basket ball

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it out for the championship were Home Team Sports and the Bison Squad. Home Team Sports edged by the Bison Squad 46-45. The intense battle came down to free throws, which proved to be the downfall of the Bison team.

Del Harris, coordinator of the Omega Shootout, said he was happy about the turnout of the squads at the tournament.

"We had a lot of exceptional athletes. The Alpha team and the A-team are examples of these athletes. The Bison Squad—being football player—proved

that they are the better athletes as far as the tradition of the shootout goes."

Home Team Sports won a trophy and three cases of beer, and the runner-up Bison Squad received one case of beer for their efforts.

Pregnancy

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community as a whole about the problem of teen pregnancy.

Activities will include seminars in schools and parent meetings. And according to Ladner, the Mayor's efforts "grew out of his concern over rising mortality rates in the District."

Another agency addressing the problem is The Children's Defense Fund. Judy Scott, coordinator of Adolescent Pregnancy Child Watch, said their program is fact finding. Data will be compiled and distributed to schools and to those who influence public policy.

MEAC

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Tennessee State, and North Carolina A&T, the sixteenth seed, will play top-seeded Oklahoma in the Midwest Regional. Fred Hill was named to the second team, All-MEAC, while forward Chenault Terry was named to the MEAC All-Rookie squad.

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Peter: Don't forget about April 1st! ME

To Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Spring Line of '84: Remember Past Challenges, Tribulations . . . Cutting us down to size? stumbling blocks. "tests," holes and "Angels From Above." But most of all remember togetherness and how we "Cared and Shared." Happy Anniversary Sisters! one glorious year ago, Alpha Kappa Alpha welcomed twenty-six new sorors over Alpha Chapters threshold. Love you all, a kind of love that grows deeper with time . . . Skee-Wee! Scoop Newsworthy 11/9-A-84

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Calhoun

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students who participated in this year's election, Mansfield stated that "no one can complain except those 1100 students."

Calhoun agreed, adding that, "While I'm not impressed by the number of people who turned out, I am not disheartened because I was told that the turnout is often low—especially for run-offs," he said.

"I am relieved that it is over and trust that God made the decision," said Calhoun about the campaign. "I just pray that God be glorified through my administration."

"I think that the students have made a decision that they will have to live with throughout the year throughout my administration," said Calhoun, a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts.

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Meetings

The African Students Association will be presenting a Cultural Show on Friday, March 15, 1985 at the Howard Inn 2225 Georgia Ave. N.W. Show begins promptly at 8:00 p.m. There will be dancing after the show. Everyone is welcome! Admission is FREE Come and enjoy yourselves.

NOTICE!! Health Professions Students, there will be a Health Profession meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 1985 at 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Howard University Undergraduate Library Media Center-Room L141. The guest speaker will be Dr. Rober F. Sablis from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, South Carolina.

Californians, our next meeting will be March 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Forum Room in the Blackburn Center. All ideas welcome. Need information?, contact Toni, 797-1636 or Marty, 636-9337.

The Virginia Club invites all Virginians to a brief meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Douglass Hall, Room 116. We will be discussing officer elections and Spring Picnic. All are invited to attend.

If you are a PR major or minor, you should be a member of PRSSA! Next meeting is important, election of officers on Wednesday, March 20, 1985 in the Blackburn Center, Room 152.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CLUB. Be informed about financial aid for international students on Friday, March 15, 1985 in the Blackburn Center, Hilltop Lounge at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcomed.

A.C.E.I. will be having their first meeting this Saturday at 10 a.m. Members will meet in front of the Human Ecology Building. For more information contact Marjorie Gordon at 829-3997 or Dr. Adele McQueen at 636-6981.

The beloved community of Ig-bimo Otioto invites the entire Howard community to fellowship with us on Friday, March 15, 1985 in the Blackburn Center in Room 142 at 7:00 p.m. on the topic of: The Faith of Our Black Families, We Do We Go From Here?

ATTENTION: Nursing Students, the National Student Nurses' Association will meet on Monday, March 18, 1985 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 242 (SN).

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BISON YEARBOOK. Applications for all editors and assistants positions for the 1985-1986 *BISON* are available in The Office of Student Activities, Rm. 117 Blackburn. Completed applications must be submitted to Blackburn Rm. 117 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 22, 1985. At that time you are required to sign-up for an interview to be held on Wednesday, April 3 for editorial applicants and on April 4-6 for assistant applicants. Yearbook production experience is not necessary.

General

The Brothers of Alpha Chapter, OMEGA PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc., present "Black History and Afro-American Studies at Howard" on Monday, March 18 in the Human Ecology Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Guest Panalist include Dr. Olive Taylor, Dr. Herbert West and Dr. Al Colon.

University-Wide Cultural Committee and Howard University's Blackburn Center presents Garth Fagan's Bucket Dance Theatre, Friday, March 15, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. in Cramton Auditorium. The Bucket was featured in "Dance Black America," part of public television's "Great Performances" series, aired January 25 and has excited audiences across the nation with its unique blend of modern dance and Black culture. For further information contact Dr. Miller 636-7175 or Joyce Guy 529-7232.

ATTENTION!! Financial aid application deadlines are March 15 for Summer 1985 and April 1 for 1985-86. Applications are available in the financial aid office, Room 221, administration building, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity - **APPLY NOW!**

College of Liberal Arts - Student advising for the Fall 1985 semester begins on March 18, 1985. Please call 636-6987 or come into the Liberal Arts Advisory Center, Room 110, Locke Hall for an appointment. Advising will begin on March 18, 1985 and end on April 10, 1985.

HILLTOPICS

ISRAEL'S REVIVAL-- Sure Sign of Christ's Coming. FREE booklet. Write Tim Ryan, 7516 Campbell Ct. Manassas, Va. 22110, or call (703) 368-2915.

The California Student Association (CSA) invites you on a trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, March 16, 1985. The bus departs the Capital Hilton (16th & K Sts., N.W.) at 7:50 a.m. Please come early in order to purchase tickets. Cost: \$19.95

The Howard University Film Society will be showing the film, "Harvest 3000 Years" on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Screening Room of the School of Communications. **ADMISSION IS FREE.**

Come out and Party with the 1985 Pyramid club, of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at their annual Kiddie Ball.

Where: Blackburn Ballroom
When: Friday, March 15, 1985
Time: 10 pm - 2 am
Donation: \$3.00

Grab your Shades', cause the Arts are gonna Shine!! As part of the Fine Arts Spring Festival, Howard's own Art Student Association presents "Innovations in Elegance," A Fashion Extravaganza, a definite evening to remember! On Sunday, March 17, 1985 at 4 p.m. Tickets are available at Cramton Box Office. Prices are \$4.50 and \$5.50. Don't let someone say "You should have been there!!!"

PRSSA presents College ID night at the Clubhouse on 13th and Upshur St., NW on Friday, March 15, 1985 from midnight to 5:00 a.m. Admissions is \$4.00 with college ID.

The Association of Future Social Workers, a Bachelor of Social Work Student Organization, cordially invites all students to their Spring 1985 Recruitment Festival, which will be held Friday, March 15, 1985. The festival will be held from 12-4 p.m. at the Howard University School of Social Work, at 6th and Howard Place, N.W. This festival will give students a chance to become acquainted with the field of social work, and to meet social work students, faculty, and practitioners.

Personals

Luck the Lep (alias P.D.) Sunday is your day! "May your every wish come true." Hopefully things will start looking up for you soon (about 2 weeks). Oh yeah, about your problem, it's nothing that a little green suit won't solve. Even though you hate us (as a group), we love you! The Rays

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Yo TMS,
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Barry White

KOT-243, Last weekend Philly had you blowing your horn. This weekend your horn will be blowing a different tune!! Signed ME

Dear Jackie Chandler, Happy 20th B-Day!!! Hope yours is everything mine was not!!! Enjoy California! Now that you are GROWN live life to its fullest. Love Linda J.

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Sports

One bucket from the championship

By Darryl Richards
Hilltop Staff Reporter

PHILADELPHIA, March 9—As the Palestra floor was littered with jubilant North Carolina A&T fans, a stunned A.B. Williamson stood with a blank expression on his face to explain his team's 71-69 heartbreaking loss to the Aggies in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament final.

"This is so hard to take," lamented Williamson. "Every year it comes down to one or two plays and every year we lose the same way."

But this loss was probably the hardest one for the Howard head coach to swallow. For the fourth consecutive year, he had taken his team to the tournament finals only to lose to his alma mater. This time his team had the game seemingly in hand with a 60-53 lead with 5 minutes and 44 seconds remaining, only to lose its composure in the final two minutes and commit two three-point plays in 17 seconds that turned the ballgame around in the Aggies' favor.

The Aggies' comeback effort was spearheaded by their two senior guards, Eric Boyd and Jimmy Brown. Boyd, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and was selected as the MEAC Player of the Year, led the NCAA Tournament-bound Aggies with 27 points, most of them coming from at least 20 feet away from the basket. Brown, who was selected to the All-Tournament team, added 21 points.

It was the son of the former NFL great Jim Brown who started the A&T comeback. Brown hit a two-foot jumper that tied the game at 63 all with 3:10 left to play. Two minutes later the All-MEAC selectee drove the lane for a layup and was fouled by Bison guard Fred Hill. Brown converted the free throw to give the Aggies a 66-63 lead. Seventeen seconds later, Boyd stole the ball, drove the length of the court, made a layup and was fouled by Hill, who tried to block

the ball. (The foul was Hill's fifth.) Boyd converted his free throw and the Aggies had a 69-63 lead with 1:26 remaining.

Much to the credit of the Bison, they did not give up the ship. Playing without Fred Hill and center Robert McIlwaine, who fouled out, Howard staged a comeback that almost upstaged A&T's comeback effort. With 1:06 remaining, George Hamilton, who scored 15 points, popped a 10-foot jumper to bring the Bison within two, 69-65. The Bison then immediately called a timeout to set up their defense.

The Bison set up in the backcourt with a trap defense that proved quite effective on A&T guard Thomas Griffs. Griffs, a 5'9" freshman walk-on, took the inbound pass and immediately found himself surrounded by Hamilton and forward Mike Hampton. The point guard tried to call timeout, but was not allowed the chance because once inbound, a timeout cannot be called in the backcourt. The situation forced a five-second call and gave the Bison possession with 54 seconds left. Hamilton, four seconds later, hit a 12-foot jumper, making the score 69-67.

The Bison tied the game at 69-69 when Mike Jones, inserted in the ballgame after sitting on the bench for most of the game, hit a 22-foot jumper with 25 seconds remaining. But after all the hard work, Howard's chance for a victory and a NCAA berth ended when Brown and Boyd both converted front ends of two-shot fouls to give A&T a 71-69 victory.

Howard had one last chance to tie the game and send it into overtime. After Boyd missed a free throw with five seconds left, the Bison called timeout to set up a desperation attempt. After working the ball around the court, George Hamilton took Howard's last shot of the season, which hit the bottom of the backboard as time ran out.

North Carolina A&T, which will



John Spencer hauls down one of his team high 11 rebounds

By Brian Branch-Price-The Hilltop

All in the family: intramural sports

By Darren Price
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Howard Intramural Basketball has become an integral part of school just as the books have. Every weeknight, young men bump under the backboards like rams, leap high for rebounds like frogs, and race down the court like greyhounds, all for the sake of relaxation.

These intramural athletes play as if they were playing for the NCAA Tournament championship. Watershow and Capital Punishment are two examples of teams which exhibit this type of play. On Tuesday, March 5, Watershow played Capital Punishment for first place.

Watershow led early in the game and never relinquished it to Capital Punishment; however, Capital Punishment kept displaying the desire to win until the physical and intense game ended with a score of 44-38. Watershow's record is now 7-0 and Capital Punishment is 6-1.

"We can play," said Newton Jackson, player/coach for Watershow. "There are a lot of teams that can play. I have a couple of players who have been to the final four, but not win the championship, so we are hungry."

The Thursday Night League is another tough league with Strickley Defense 6-6, Force 5-1, and The Knights 5-1. Force 1 was tied for first place with Strickley Defense until Force 1 lost to the Knights last Thursday. Force 1 played Strickley Defense last night. Force 1 is 5-1 and Strickley Defense is 6-0.

Hardest Hard 5-0 is leading the

Wednesday Night League, while To Be Announced (TBA), 5-1, is in second place.

In the Monday Night League "D" Zone, 3-1 dumped The Penthouse Knights', 3-1, chance for the playoffs. The Bison Squad, 4-0, defeated Private Stock, 3-1.

The playoffs for intramural basketball start Monday. The Bison Squad, 4-0, will play the Winner of last night's Private Stock, 3-1, and "D" Zone game for the Monday Night League. It will be Watershow, 7-0, matching up against Capital Punishment, 6-1, for the Tuesday Night League. Hardest Hard will take on To Be Announced (TBA), 5-1, for the Wednesday Night League. The winner of last night's Strickley Defense, 6-1 vs. Force 1, 5-1, game will determine the two teams that will advance to the playoffs.

So the stage is just about set for Monday Night. May the best team win!

Q-Shootout

Last Friday was the night. The night for what? The night for the ACC Tournament? The Big East Tournament? No, it was the night of the annual Great Omega Shootout held in Burr Gymnasium.

The tournament sponsored by the Howard Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, started with 20 basketball teams on Friday, March 8 and ended with two teams playing for the championship on March 9. The two teams battling

See BASKETBALL page 10

be going to its fourth consecutive tournament, will play the fourth-ranked and top-seeded team in the Midwest Regional, Oklahoma on Friday in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Bison advanced to the tournament final with a 73-59 victory over Delaware State College last Friday. The Aggies reached the final with a 97-75 rout over Bethune-Cookman.

Most court-side observers said they felt that the leadership and experience of the Aggies' backcourt proved to be the difference in the game. Williamson did not agree.

"They knew what to do with the ball under pressure," said Williamson of the backcourt. "When they got the ball down they passed it and created a three-point play for someone else."

"I think it meant a lot," said Boyd who scored 16 points in the second half. "When they went up seven points towards the end of the game, the underclassmen got down and figured we were going to lose, but we [Brown and Boyd] told them to keep playing and we can come back."

However, it was the Bison who were down for most of the game. After both teams began the contest making mental errors and seemed impatient, the Aggies settled down first building up four- and five-point leads for most of the first half. The Bison's 38 percent average from the field was evidence that the Bison were off their game. This and nine turnovers accounted for North Carolina A&T's 35-29 lead at halftime.

However, the Bison did not lose faith in themselves. Behind the second-half performances of All-MEAC Tournament selectees Robert Jones and Fred Hill, and with some help from Robert McIlwaine, the Bison were able to get back in the contest. Jones, who scored 14 points and hauled down nine rebounds, scored the first six points of the half. Hill scored 10 points and McIlwaine

added six to tie the game at 48-48 with 9:57 left. Howard took its first lead since the 19:40 mark of the first half on John Spencer's three-point play which made the score 53-51 with 8:01 remaining. Spencer had eight points and an impressive 11 rebounds in his fourth game since returning to the lineup because of a grade problem.

Howard increased its lead to 60-53 behind two baskets by Hill, who led the Bison in scoring with 19 points, and a basket by Hamilton.

Shortly afterwards, things fell apart for Howard. The Bison, who had played so well to get into the ballgame and take a lead, took themselves out of the game on poor shot selection and missed free throws.

The Bison's woes began when Robert McIlwaine fouled out with 5:03 remaining and Howard ahead, 60-57. The Aggies closed within one 62-61, on Griffs' free throws and tied the game on Brown's jumper.

"They maintained their poise and we didn't," commented Williamson, whose team ended the season with a 16-12 record. "We didn't execute and everyone tried to do too much individually."

"I guess they have to be the better team," continued Williamson. "We just did not play mentally strong enough. Some players had off nights [forward Mike Hampton was 1 for 13 from the field], and we missed some free throws at the end. In the stretch, every one of those free throws count."

Bison Notes

Three teams that the Bison played this year will go on to the NCAA Tournament starting this week. Fairleigh Dickinson, which Howard beat twice will play against top-seeded Michigan in the Midwest Regional, North Carolina, the second seed in the Southeast Regional, will play Middle

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All-Americans take great strides

By Michelle E. Dyer
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Three Howard University track team members, Teresa Allen, Anton Skerritt and Richard Louis returned from the NCAA Indoor Championships in Syracuse N.Y. last weekend as All-Americans.

Head Track Coach, William Moultrie immediately pointed out that it is not easy for a person to get such an award. "In order to receive an All-American certificate, you had to qualify for the finals, then turn around and finish in the top six places."

The tough competition included such schools as the University of Houston, University of Tennessee, University of Southern California, University of Nebraska, University of Kansas and UCLA.

Allen finished fifth in the country in the long jump, which not only earned her an All-American certificate, but also made her the first in the

school's history to do so in the event.

In the men's competition Skerritt ended his indoor season finishing fourth in the country in the 500-yard run. Louis came in fifth in the same event with only one shoe on. Moultrie explained, "Into the first lap of the race, Louis lost one of his shoes, but continued to run. The crowd gave him a standing ovation when he crossed the finished line."

Not overlooking the recognition that the All-American certificates will bring for the individuals as well as for the University, Moultrie believes that something of even greater significance was accomplished last weekend. "This past weekend was a success for the individuals who participated and performed so well considering the tough standards and competition."

Their participation in the NCAA Indoor Championship addressed the issue of whether or not athletes from predominately Black institutions can perform at this level, Moultrie added.

'Good Food' but not nearly enough

By Earl Kinney
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There is sufficient evidence that athletes and coaches at Howard feel that the Good Food Services meal plan is somewhat inadequate for Division I athletes.

Donald Anderson, a former All-MEAC football player, said, "The food on the meal plan is probably okay for a regular student, but not for a fulltime athlete. I feel that unlimited food, especially in the areas of drinks and vegetables, would help."

The current athletic meal plan consists of serving of meat, three servings of assorted vegetables, one piece of fruit, one dessert, and 16 to 20 ounces of juice or milk, at every meal with double portions of meat at dinner.

Junior basketball player Robert Jones also pointed out that fewer quantity restrictions would be helpful in improving the meal plan.

Head Track Coach William Moultrie said that the food on the meal plan is "adequate", however, there is plenty of room for improvement. Moultrie said he would definitely like to see athletes have access to as many drinks as they wish during meals rather than the current 20 ounces per meal.

"The athlete needs as much drink as he wants to replace the body fluids lost during strenuous workouts," said Moultrie. "A 318 pound football player shouldn't be expected to eat the same meal as a 118 pound female track athlete."

Assistant Football Coach Tom Seward said, "The players aren't getting enough to eat. The food is of a decent quality, but we need more food. We get better food than other places, but at other schools players eat as much as they want."

Head Basketball Coach A.B.

Williamson said, "The athletes need to eat as much as they want. They should at least eat double portions of food at every meal. They should also have access to unlimited drinks."

Williamson added that at every other school he has visited athletes have access to unlimited food drink.

At Schools like Virginia State University, Norfolk State University and South Carolina State College, athletes eat as much as they wish year round.

Howard's coaches have been very complimentary of Good Food Service head John Goodwyn. They feel that he has often gone to great lengths to help the teams.

Goodwyn said, "We do as much as we can to help the athletes, but in order to implicate the unlimited food and drink meal plan the coaches seem

to want, we definitely need more money than we are currently receiving from Howard."

Athletic Director Leo F. Miles said that the University currently doesn't have enough money to implicate any meal plan improvements. He pointed out that the meal plan has made some improvements over the last few years.

When asked why other schools could afford the unlimited meal plan and not Howard, Miles said that lower labor costs and lower food costs in those states were key factors in those institutions ability to offer such programs.

Miles stated that Howard is at a time of financial crisis and it is not the time to expect vast meal plan improvements, but that since Howard intends to make improvements throughout its athletic program, the meal plan will one day be part of those future improvements.

Strikes and gutters

Bowlers terminate bittersweet season

By Darren Price
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As winter fades so do memories of a tough, but exciting season for Howard's Bowling Team. The men and women's season was like a roller-coaster with ups and downs, but ended on a high note.

The men's team managed to come around to take third place in the Eastern Pennsylvania-Maryland Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (EPMIBC) Tournament on Feb. 23. Earlier they had struggled to a fourth-place finish in the American Collegiate Union International Region IV Tournament on Feb. 16 and 17.

Robert Holmes, Bison bowling coach, said the team bowled well in the ACU-I Tournament, but was just defeated by better teams.

"I think the way we lost in the ACU-I hurt our pride," commented team Captain Derrick Brown, "and I think we were more prepared for this tournament."

Brown, who displayed consistency throughout the season, was selected to the All-Star team, bowled a 207 average in the EPMIBC Tournament, and he finished in third place with Lawrence Williams in the doubles match in the ACU-I.

"Practice and instruction from Coach Holmes has contributed to my successful game," said Brown.

"Derrick was one of the biggest surprises of the EPMIBC Tournament, because of the way he took charge of the team in his leadership."

Lawrence Williams has also been a factor in the team's success this past season. Williams advanced to the finals of the All-Star team match in the EPMIBC games and landed second place with a 205 average in All-Star play. He has also compiled scores such as 191 and 234, and finished second behind All-American Ernest Sevous in high average in the league.

Ernest Sevous was missed in the second half of the bowling year because he had work commitments, but he still managed to put his name in the record book. Sevous collected a league-high and was selected to the All-Star team.

The men's team defeated opponents including the University of Maryland, Lincoln University, Navy and Gettysburg College, and suffered defeats at the hands of Bloomsburg State, Penn State and Drexel. In addition, they finished in 25th place in the Lion's Pride Collegiate Tournament on Jan. 19-20.

They not only finished with a 13-4 overall record, and a 9-4 mark in conference play, but also received an award for the highest team game in the EPMIBC. The Bison also tied for third place in the conference.

"I have to be somewhat disappointed with losses," said Coach Holmes. "We should have finished better in the season. I am not crying, but by no means am I satisfied."

The women's bowling team ended the season on an up note. The Bisonettes finished fifth out of 12 teams in the EPMIBC Tournament.

Before the EPMIBC tournament, they captured a disappointing 4th place in the American Collegiate Union-International Tournament on Feb. 16 and 17. The journey from a record of 1-1 to 6-5 was a long one for the Bisonettes. They defeated such teams as Gettysburg State College, Lincoln University, and Loyola College, but they were defeated by Temple University, Shippensburg State, Penn State University and Bloomsburg College. In addition, the team finished tenth out of 14 teams in the Lion's Pride Tournament.

Ask Andrea Walker what the word consistency means and she will tell you not by mouth, but by her performance throughout the season. Walker has led the team to victory with scores such as 186, 175, and 173 which we obtained in a match against Gettysburg. Plus, she was selected to play in the All-Star match in the EPMIBC Tournament and captured third place with a 185 average which was eighth in all events in the ACU-I Tournament.

Coach Holmes said that he was satisfied with the women's performance, but not completely satisfied. "We have a long way to go," he said. "Their performance makes next year look more optimistic."